

ORPHAN GIRL OF ELEVEN TELLS TALE OF TORTURE.

Says She Was Beaten by Adopted Mother to Drive Out Devils—Her Toes Dropping Off.

With two blank warrants President Arthur W. Bishop, of the Paterson Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, started this afternoon for Great Notch, a few miles away.

Little May James, last November, was adopted by the Widow Whiting and her daughter, Miss Elkin, who have a truck farm there. Yesterday the child crawled to the home of George Spritzer and asked for food.

CHAPTER I.

In the little cottage where the Jameses lived in Woodside, L. I., there were frequent quarrels.

One day the three children will never forget. When their father threatened their mother the woman struck him with a stove-lifter.

The father was taken away to the hospital, where he died. The mother was sent to prison. Charitable persons came and took the three little girls away.

In a few weeks Ada and her two smaller sisters were taken to the Kimball Home in Newark.

CHAPTER II.

In the Home Ada was not unhappy. There were no quarrels. There were other children to play with. She had enough to eat. She spent three years there.

One day last November two women called. They wanted to adopt a child about ten.

They were the Widow Whiting and her daughter, Miss Elkin. The mother was a rugged old woman with white hair. The daughter a spinster of forty-five.

They let the women take little Ada away with them.

CHAPTER III.

Here is the story of Ada's life there as she told it herself to an Evening World reporter to-day as she lay on a mattress in the hospital, peaked and suffering:

From the very first I was told that

I was to be made a sacrifice to God. Mrs. Whiting told me that I had devils in me and that she would take them out of me like she had other people.

She and her old maid daughter used to whip me awfully every day with a strap with a big buckle on it. They said they were whipping the devils out of me.

The buckle has my blood all over it. I saw it.

When I first went there they made me go out in the snow and chop wood for my bare feet, and both my feet were frozen stiff more than once.

That's what the matter with my toes now. They were frozen and cracked off and the ends never mended.

They said they wouldn't wrap them up because the devils could get out of me through them. If I had any devils in me I didn't know it and it wasn't my fault.

Every day I had to clean the horse, and he was so big I had to stand on a chair, and if he had any dirt on him I got beat again for it.

What made me run away was Saturday morning a dog stole some raw meat. They said it was the devil in me that did it, and I thought they would cut me in two with the strap. I don't want to be adopted any more.

CHAPTER IV.

So last Saturday Ada ran away. She planned to find her way back to the orphan asylum—the only home she knew.

But she feared they might follow her and find her. So she hid in the swamps and woods.

I suffered much all the time I was in the woods," said Ada, "but I was happier than while with Mrs. Whiting. On one occasion she saw me and she came to me and she showed me how in the Kimball Home all the time, and I knew I would find a place where I would not be whipped.

CHAPTER V.

Mrs. Mallory, a neighbor living a mile away, recalls having seen strange things in the "witch house" as it was called. On one occasion she saw the two women and several other persons dancing around a bonfire, and something which resembled a fire on the floor of the room. This was at night, and she heard dismal chants coming from the house.

The child, when asked how Mrs. Whiting and her daughter met their expenses, said: "They make and sell things to keep the devil away. Sometimes they work all night making it."

ODD HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OF DEAD RECLUSE SOLD.

Thomas Kershaw, for Years a Mystery of Greenwich Village, Had Remarkable Collection.

In the four little musty garret rooms which for years he had occupied alone the "household effects" of Thomas Kershaw, recluse, cynic and by some reputed to be a miser, were auctioned off to-day. The neighbors, who had long wondered what was behind the doors that had been so rigorously closed to them, got a view of the strange collection, representing the accumulation of a lifetime.

A red flag hanging from the window of No. 525 Greenwich street, and a surrogate's notice posted on the wall, told the passers-by that the sale was for the benefit of the heirs.

The heirs will not profit much from the proceeds of the auction, for the contents of this strange old curiosity shop were for the most part worthless.

The finding of bonds and stocks, worth between \$20,000 and \$30,000, a few days after Kershaw died, led to the belief that a fortune was hidden away. But beyond a few dollars in cash the searchers found nothing of any great value among the stacks of oddities and rubbish that the eccentric old man had piled up in his lonely home.

Kershaw had lived in Greenwich Village for thirty years and was a man of mystery. He had separated from his wife years ago and about seven years ago she died. So far as known he had only one close friend, and it was he who found the bonds in a battered gripcase that had been stored away under an old cupboard. Besides the bonds there were deeds for property in Brooklyn, the Bronx and Staten Island.

Rooms Are Packed.

The old man had literally packed his rooms from floor to ceiling. It was found necessary, in order that persons who went to the auction could enter, to remove two vanloads of newspaper clippings, referring to a vast variety of subjects.

Another hobby of Kershaw's was the collection of calendars and the walls of every room were strung with them. Some of them were twenty years old. A front room had evidently been devoted to his library, and there he had piled up books treating of all subjects and of wonderful variety of binding. One lot that filled a whole row of shelves sold to-day for 50 cents.

The wall of the library was set with "nameless" pictures, and these Kershaw had labeled "Lawyers," "Scientists," "Financial," "Mining" and so on. Old shoes, collars and cravats, cheap purses, about two dozen walking canes, nails and hammers, shoe strings, old clothes were piled about promiscuously.

Pestooned around another room, which he converted into a kitchen, were strings of many colors, and in one corner was a battered old stove. Here the old man cooked all his meals.

In strange contrast to the mouldy surroundings was a gaudily upholstered lot of furniture in another room. The furniture, it was said, had been seized by the police, and it was found that it was an old melodeon, the keys of which were yellow with age, and near it was an old-fashioned music box that squeaked out airs when its rusty crank

SOME THINGS ON THE KERSHAW LIST.

Twenty bundles of worthless securities, wildcat mining stocks and the like.

Ten bundles of notes of hand from former fellow employees in a big electric concern, with promises of high interest attached.

One collection of 500 or more calendars.

Fifty thousand or more newspaper clippings, sorted and classified in pigeon-holes, and dealing with every subject under the sun.

Odd lot of patent medicine samples dated from 1865 to 1902, and unopened.

Fifty pounds of assorted string in small pieces, picked up in streets.

One set of gaudily upholstered furniture.

The ledgers of debts due Kershaw with records of suits for collection.

Two truckloads of other papers, principally copies of dunning letters.

Crowds at Auction.

But even in this room, which evidently had desired to keep in a manner different from the others, was also piled a lot of dust-covered rubbish. Another room contained a cheap bed. The recluse had to climb through a big collection of newspaper clippings to get to it.

Curiosity seekers and old-junk dealers, women and men thronged to the sale. Still, the auctioneer said when his sales were footed up that there would be only about \$50 for the heirs, who are a daughter, a trained nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital, where Kershaw died, and some nieces in England.

Kershaw until five years ago was an engineer for the Western Electric Company. He made a lot of money, it was said, by loaning sums to fellow-employees, for which he charged heavy interest. Some of his dunning letters, which were found among his effects were as odd as the man himself.

The Cotton Market.

The local cotton market opened easy to-day, with prices unchanged to 3 points lower. There was some local selling, which with absence of speculative support, sent prices off several points. The bearish sentiment was indicated by futures contracts and disappointing cables. After the call there was a reaction, under which near close, trading was irregular.

The opening prices were: May, 9.10 to 9.12; June, 8.90 to 8.92; July, 8.80 to 8.82; August, 8.70 to 8.72; September, 8.60 to 8.62; October, 8.50 to 8.52; November, 8.40 to 8.42; December, 8.30 to 8.32; January, 8.20 to 8.22; February, 8.10 to 8.12; March, 8.00 to 8.02; April, 7.90 to 7.92; May, 7.80 to 7.82; June, 7.70 to 7.72; July, 7.60 to 7.62; August, 7.50 to 7.52; September, 7.40 to 7.42; October, 7.30 to 7.32; November, 7.20 to 7.22; December, 7.10 to 7.12; January, 7.00 to 7.02; February, 6.90 to 6.92; March, 6.80 to 6.82; April, 6.70 to 6.72; May, 6.60 to 6.62; June, 6.50 to 6.52; July, 6.40 to 6.42; August, 6.30 to 6.32; September, 6.20 to 6.22; October, 6.10 to 6.12; November, 6.00 to 6.02; December, 5.90 to 5.92; January, 5.80 to 5.82; February, 5.70 to 5.72; March, 5.60 to 5.62; April, 5.50 to 5.52; May, 5.40 to 5.42; June, 5.30 to 5.32; July, 5.20 to 5.22; August, 5.10 to 5.12; September, 5.00 to 5.02; October, 4.90 to 4.92; November, 4.80 to 4.82; December, 4.70 to 4.72; 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